Oral Presentation

Your task is to choose a topic of current community debate or concern, and explain or present a point of view to the class. Your talk should last for about three minutes. To begin your presentation you need to choose a topic that would interest you and your audience. A starting point could be the website <http://idebate.org/view/top_100_debates>. This website will give you a hundred topics, but be aware this is an overseas site and some of the topics are not relevant to Australia. So choose your topic carefully.

Once you have chosen your topic you need to prepare your presentation by finding relevant information or debate. Use key words from your topic to find **at least three articles** that will give you this relevant information or discussion. **Choose these carefully as they will be the basis of your information that you present to the class.**

When you have gathered your information **you must complete the following steps.**

For each article complete a “read for meaning exercise.” This is where you highlight any technical words or phrases, or words that prevent you from understanding the paragraph. Complete a glossary of these words, but very importantly **re-read the paragraph with the meaning of the word in front of you so as you understand the word in context.**

Then complete a “read for understanding” exercise. Here you explain **What** the issue is. **Who** is speaking or quoted in the article and what their point of view is? **Why** ( the purpose) of the article. Then list any **evidence** or **examples** used in the article.

Having completed these steps you should have a full understanding and adequate information to prepare your talk.

You now need to write an introduction explaining your issue and the points you will make in the body of your talk. Each point should follow the TEEL paragraph structure.

Prepare your cue cards in large writing with about four points on each. Do not read your presentation but glance at and refer to your cards.

Finally prepare a conclusion that sums up your material and has a final “clinching “point.